

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 13-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3-6, 9, 10 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 2003/0162123 A1 to Barr et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Both the present application and U.S. 2003/0162123 A1 were assigned to Shipley Company L.L.C. (now renamed as Rohm and Haas Electronic Materials) at the time the present invention was made. Accordingly, Barr et al. do not prevent the patentability of present claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 13-20. See 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 2003/0162123 A1.

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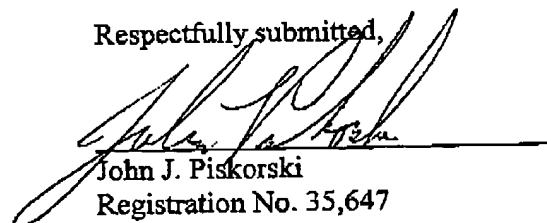
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Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 13-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should she believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.

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